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## **Senator Jelinek Announces Start of Important Consumer Protection Measure**

*Sign-up for Do-Not-Call List Begins*

**CITY-** Senator Ron Jelinek (R-Three Oaks) alerts consumers that online registration for the national Do-Not-Call list starts Friday, June 27. Consumers can link to the registration site by visiting the Senate Republican website at [www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/](http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/). In addition, consumers will be able to register from their own home phone beginning July 7. Enrollment is free.

“Signing up for the Do-Not-Call registry will make it easier for consumers to stop many unwanted telemarketing calls,” Senator Jelinek said. “Controlling these types of calls consistently ranks as one of the top issues among consumers.”

In fact, consumer inquiries led the Michigan Legislature to pass a bill to restrict telemarketers and create a Do- Not-Call list late last year. Senator Jelinek added that lawmakers recognized a single list would provide both state and federal protection, and required the adoption of a federal list if one was created. “With the eagerly awaited start of the national Do-Not-Call registry,” Senator Jelinek continued, “Michigan consumers can now take steps to block many nuisance phone calls.”

However, Senator Jelinek cautioned consumers about a new wave of scams targeting the widespread interest in the Do-Not-Call registry. “Consumers should know that registration with the Federal Trade Commission is free and cannot be done through private companies,” he/she concluded.

For more information on how to register for the Do-Not-Call list or how to avoid a Do-Not-Call scam, contact Senator Jelinek’s office at: 1-866-305-2121.